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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, PN

SUBJ: BANANA TAX

REF: STATE 167977 AND 168506

1. MESSRS. TAYLOR, HEYL AND PEASE OF UNITED BRANDS  
CALLED ON ME AT NOON AUGUST 2. WE REVIEWED SITUATION  
RAPIDLY, NOTING STRIDENT SPEECH MADE BY GENERAL TORRIJOS  
AT DAVID YESTERDAY. TAYLOR TOLD ME HE HAD BEEN RINGING  
MANFREDO'S PHONE FOR SEVERAL DAYS FROM BOSTON BUT MAN-  
FREDO, WHOM HE KNOWS VERY WELL AND WITH WHOM HE CON-  
SIDERED HE HAD A "DEAL" -- TO WIT, THEY WOULD TALK IF  
MATTERS DETERIORATED, HAD REFUSED TO ANSWER HIS CALLS.  
COMPANY OFFICERS ASKED ME TO TRY AND OBTAIN MEETING  
WITH GENERAL TORRIJOS. I SAID I WOULD TRY TO DO WHAT  
I COULD. I INFORMED COMPANY OFFICERS THAT I THOUGHT  
PANAMA SINCERELY WISHED TO SOLVE PROBLEM BUT COULD NOT  
DO SO UNDER SIGNS PRESSURE.

2. COMMENT: I CALLED MANFREDO AND HE IS MEETING WITH  
TAYLOR NOW. MINISGER SAID HE WOULD CALL ME AS SOON AS  
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HE HAD SOMETHING TO REPORT.

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